. . . Who Did Not Believe in Luck.

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He got in at Ipswich with seven different weekly papers under his arm. I it created a coldness which others noticed that each one insured its reader against death or injury by railway accident. He arranged his luggage upon the rack above him, took off his hat and laid it on the scat beside him, mopped his bald head with a red silk handkerchief and then set to work steadily to write his name and address upon each of the seven papers. I sat opposite to him and read Punch. I always take the old humor when travel-

ing. I find it soothing to the nerves. Passing over the points at Manningtree the train gave a lurch, and a horseshoe he had carefully placed in the rack slipped through the netting and fell with a musical ring upon his head.

head.

He appeared neither surprised nor angry. Having stanched the wound with his handkerchief he stooped and the head for it. To some men it would dropped it gently out of the window. me, I'd never been used to it."
"Did it hurt you?" I asked. "But why did you take it

It was a foolish question, I told my-self so the moment I had uttered it. drink it, did he?"

"But it wasn't your fault," I urged. "No, perhaps not," he agreed; "but were not slow to take advantage of.

We sat and smoked in silence. I felt that the consolations of a stranger would sound weak.

"Piebald horses are lucky, too," he observed, knocking the ashes from his pipe against the window sash. "I had one of them once."

"Lost me the best crib I ever had in

picked it up, glanced at it with, as I not have so much mattered; but the thought, an expression of reproach and very first glass was enough to upset



"MY EMPLOYER GAVE ME A GOOSE." "Well, it was this way," he explained,

The thing must have weighed three [pounds at the least; it was an excep continuing to rub gently the lump likely lot. It cost me three or four tionally large and heavy shoe. The which was now about the size of an bump on his head was swelling visibly egg; "the animal had belonged to a before my eyes. Anyone but an idiot gentleman who traveled in the wine must have seen that he was hurt. I and spirit line, and who had been ac expected an irritable reply. I should customed to visit in the way of busi-have given one myself had I been in his ness almost every public house he came place. Instead, however, he seemed to to. The result was you couldn't get regard the inquiry as a natural and that little horse past a public-housekindly expression of sympathy.

"It did, a little," he replied. "What were you doing with it?" I asked. It was an odd sort of thing for

a man to be traveling with. "It was lying in the roadway just outside the station," he explained; "I think, maybe, I'd have stuck to it, howpicked it up for luck."

He refolded his handkerchief so as to bring a cooler surface in contact the crowd about it from the opposite something genial about the inscrutability of Providence.

"Yes," he said; "I've had a deal of luck in my time, but it's never turned for a heavenly crown. After that they out well.

"I was born on a Wednesday," he continued; "which, as I daresay you that did, and at the very next house at know, is the luckiest day a man can be born on. My mother was a widow, and none of my relatives would do anything for me. They said it would to break myself of the habit." be like taking coals to Newcastle helping a boy born on a Wednesday; and always been the same. I hadn't been my uncle, when he died, left every a fortnight in my first situation before penny of his money to my brother my employer gave me a goose weighing Sam, as a slight compensation to him eighteen pounds, as a Christmas pres-



not neglect those with claims upon me when I came to be a rich man.'

He paused while folding up his various insurance papers and placing them in the inside breast-pocket of his

on; "they're said to be lucky. Why, there never was a blacker cat than the one that followed me into my rooms in Bolsover street the very first night I | counter. took them."

"Didn't he bring you luck?" I in-

I'd like to have tried." He sat staring out of the window, and for awhile I did not care to intrude upon his evidently painful mem-

"What happened then?" I asked however, at last.

He roused himself from his reverie. "Oh," he said, "nothing extraordinary. She had to leave London for a time and gave me her pet canary to take charge of while she was away."

"I offered her the cat, too," he added, but more to himself than to me.

"What did it do to you?" I inquired.

my life," was the simple rejoinder. "The governor stood it a good deal longer than I had any right to expect; but you can't keep a man who is always drunk. It gives a firm a bad

"But why did you take it?" I per-



"The bar was crowded. I pushed my way to the counter and flung the goose down in front of me. The men nearest stopped talking to look at it; and a it. I went up to one in Camden street. young fellow standing next to me said: I called him 'Bobby,' and asked him if 'Well, you've killed it.' I dare say I he wanted a goose. did seem a bit excited.

Tve got three in the house already.

Perhaps one of these gentlemen would

ined me as to how I came by it, ending

half a crown. It made me so angry

that I took the brown paper and the

like to make an offer."

saving a word.

effort to sell it here, but they were clearly not the right sort. I had a pint of ale—for I was feeling someally answered him back. What actualpint of ale-for I was feeling someof the mud off the bird as I could, announcing his intention of taking me made a fresh parcel of it and came out. in charge.

house where there might seem to be a whiskies-for I felt I didn't want any more beer, which is a thing which easily upsets me-but at length I found just the crowd I wanted-a quiet, do mestic looking set in a homely little place off the Goswell road.

"I explained my views to the land lord. He said he had no objection; he supposed I would stand drinks round afterwards. I said I should be de lighted to do so, and showed him the

was a Devonshire man.

"Idon't wantit myself, he answered. goose out of the parcel and laid it on would not go anywhere near him; and RAILROAD TIME-TABLES the shelf before him. "'What's this?"

"He turned to a couple of chaps who it cheap." were sitting drinking gin. They didn't "He just seized the thing by the neck look to me worth the price of a chicken and flung it me. I dodged, and it between them. The seediest said he'd like to look at it, however; and I undid caught the back of my head. You can have no idea, if you've never been hit

the parcel. He mauled the thing on the head with a goose, how it hurts, pretty considerably, and even examand a policeman came up with the by upsetting half a tumbler of gin and usual: 'Now then, what's all this water over it. Then he offered me about?"

"I explained the facts. The poulterer stepped to the edge of the curb string in one hand and the goose in the and apostrophized the universe genother and walked straight out without | erally.

"Look at the shop,' he said; 'it's twenty minutes to twelve, and there's seven dozen goese hanging there that I'm willing to give away, and this fool asks me if I want to buy another.'

"I perceived then that my notion had been a foolish one, and I followed the policeman's advice, and went away quietly, taking the bird with me.

"Then I said to myself: 'I'll give it away. I'll pick out some poor deserving person, and make thema present of the d-d thing.' I passed a good many people, but no one who looked deserving enough. It may have been the time or it may have been the neighborhood, but those I met seemed to me to be unworthy of the bird. I offered it to a man in Judd street, who I thought appeared hungry. He turned out to be a drunken ruffian. I could not make him understand what I meant, and he followed me down the road abusing me at the top of his voice, until, turning a corner without knowing it, he plunged pressed it upon her. She answered Not me!' and ran away. I heard her calling shrilly after me: 'Who stole the goose?

"I dropped it in a dark part of Seymour street. A man picked it up and brought it after me. I was unequal to any more explanations or arguments. 1 gave him twopence and plodded or with it once more. The pubs were just closing, and I went into one for a final closing, and I went into one for a final drink. As a matter of fact I had had enough already, being, as I am, unaccustomed to anything more than an occasional glass of beer. But I felt de W. H. JESSUP, W. H. JESSUP, JR. of string with one pair of hands. I pressed, and I thought it might cheer picked up about a quart of mud with nee. I think I had gin, which is a thing

"I meant to throw it over into Oak ley square, but a policeman had his eye on me and followed me twice round the railings. In Golding road I sought to drop it down an area, but was frustrated in like manner. The whole night police of London seemed to have nothing else to do but prevent my getting rid of the goose.

"They appeared so anxious about it that I fancied they might like to have
it. I went up to one in Camden street.

that I fancied they might like to have
in Price building, 126 Washington ave.

" 'I'll tell you what I don't want,' he "I had intended making another replied, severely; and that is none of

what tired and hot-scraped as much ly passed I forget, but it ended in his

"I slipped out of his hand and bolted "Crossing the road a happy idea oc-curred to me. I thought I would raffle it. At once I set to work to find a out from a doorway in College street and tried to stop me. I tied him up with a butt in the stomach and cut through the Crescent, doubling back into the Camden road by Batt street.

"At the canal bridge I looked behind me and could see no one. I dropped the goose over the parapet and it fell with a splash into the water.

"Heaving a sigh of relief, I turned and crossed into Randolph street, and there a constable collared me. I was arguing with him when the first fool came up breathless. They told me I 'It looks a bit poorly,' he said. He had better explain the matter to the inspector, and I thought so too.



IT CAUGHT ME IN THE BACK OF THE BEAD.

wash off."

"'That's mud,' I answered; 'you know what London mud is. And a gentleman spilled some gin over it. You won't notice that when it's cooked." "Well,' he replied, 'I don't think I'll helped him on with his great coat. take a hand myself; but if any other 'Very kind of 'em, but I don't want it gent likes to, that's his affair."

started it at sixpence: I took a ticket | myself. The potman had a free chance for superintending the arrangements, succeeded in inducing five other men, much against their will, to join I won it myself and paid out three and twopence for drinks. A solemnlooking individual who had been snoring in a corner suddenly woke up as I was going out and offered me sevenpence ha penny for it-why sevenpence I have never been able to understand. He would have taken it away, I should never have seen it again, and my whole life might have been different. But fate has always been against me. I replied, with perhaps unnecessary hanteur, that I wasn't a destitute Xmas

dinner fund, and walked out. "It was getting late, and I had a long walk home to my lodgings. I was beginning to wish I had never seen the bird. I estimated its weight by

"The idea occurred to me to sell it to lady, and I don't care if I never see a a poulterer. I looked for a shop; I goose again," found one in Myddleton street. There wasn't a customer near it, but by the He collected his luggage, and, taking way the man was shouting you might have thought that he was doing all on his head. But in consequence of the trade of Clerkenwell. I took the the swelling caused by the horseshoe it

to take me in charge. I replied that it was because I did not desire to spend my Xmas holidays in the lock-up, which he evidently regarded as a singularly weak argument. He asked me what I had thrown into the canal. I told him a goose. He asked me why I had thrown a goose into the canal. I told him because I was sick and tired of the animal

"At this stage a sergeant came in to say that they had succeeded in picking up the parcel. They opened it on the inspector's table. It contained a dead

"I pointed out to them that it wasn't my parcel, and that it wasn't my baby; but they hardly took the trouble to disguise the fact that they did not be-

"The inspector said it was too grave what immsterial. I got them to send a telegram to my young lady to say that I was unavoidably detained in town, and passed as quiet and un-eventful a Xmas day and Boxing day as I ever wish to spend.

"In the end the evidence against me was held to be insufficient to justify a conviction, and I got off on the minor charge of drunk and disorderly. But I lost my situation and I lost my young

he laid it sadly back upon the seat. "No," he said, quietly; "I can't say "It's a goose,' I said; you can have that I believe very much in luck."

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"Then there are black cats." he went treat myself to a glass of beer. I went

A far-away look came into his sad

'Well, of course it all depends," he answered, dreamily, "maybe we'd never have suited one another; you me at all. I was going down to spend the Xmas with my young lady's people can always look at it that way. Still, in Kent."

at least I couldn't. He sighted them a quarter of a mile off, and made straight for the door. I struggled with him at first, but it was five to ten minutes' work getting him away, and folks used to gather round and bet on us. I ever, if it hadn't been for a temperance chap who stopped one day and lectured with the swelling, while I murmured side of the street. He called me Pilgrim, and said the little horse was Rol-

> which he pulled up, I got down and said I'd come for two of Scotch. That was the beginning. It took me years "But there," he continued, "it has

lin, or some such name, and kept on

shouting out that I was to fight him

called us 'Rolly and the Pilgrin,

fighting for the crown.' It riled me,

"Well, that couldn't have done you any harm," I remarked. "That was lucky enough.' "So the other clerks said at the time,"

he replied; "the old gentleman had

never been known to give anything away before in his life. 'He's taken a

fancy to you,' they said; 'you are a lucky beggar!" He sighed heavily. I felt there was story attached. "What did you do with it?" I asked. "That was the trouble," he returned; I did not know what to do with it. It was ten o'clock on Christmas eve, just as I was leaving, that he gave it to me. 'Tiddling Brothers have sent me a goose, Biggles,' he said to me, as I

myself; you can have it.' "Of course I thanked him, and was very grateful. He wished me a merry Xmas and went out. I tied the thing up in brown paper, and took it under my arm. It was a fine bird, but heavy 'Under all the circumstances, and it being Xmas time, I thought I would

of the Lane and laid the goose on the " 'That's a blg un,' said the landlord; "you'll get a good cut off him tomorrow. "His words set me thinking, and for the first time it struck me that I didn't want the bird-that it was no use to

into a quiet little house at the corner

interrupted. "No," he replied; "this was before that one. It was this goose I'm telling you of that upset this one. Well, her folks were big farmers; it would have been absurd taking a goose down to them, and I knew no one in London to give it to, so when the landlord came round again I asked him if he would care to buy it. I told him he could have it cheap.

"Was this the canary young lady?"

"Oh, that's nothing, I explained to drop it. That will all run away when the constable wanted 'It smells a bit queer, too,' he said

"Nobody seemed enthusiastic.

this time to be thirty-six pounds.

lieve me. a case for bail, which, seeing that I did not know a soul in London, was some-

ob Work . . .